

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

We are dedicated to seeking the lost while edifying each other in order that we may all enter the eternal home promised for the faithful.

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Lads to Leaders-Leaderettes

A special thank you to Todd Kirk for his work with LLL this year despite his health concerns. Thanks, Todd. You (and Annette) are loved and appreciated!



Photos submitted by Todd Kirk

Elders:

Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
Brian Haught
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Ron Riddle
Paul Saunders
Dwain Shears
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Delmas Carr
Kevin Cochran
Marion Goldsmith
Steve Gray
Leonard Haid
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Bill Hoover
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Faith is the
postage stamp
on our prayers.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Brandon and Calle Sheppard in the birth of Doutzen Avery Sheppard. She arrived April 22 at 2:51PM weighing 6lbs 2oz and 18 inches. Proud big sister is Bronwyn. Congratulations to proud grandparents Ryan and Cheryl Logston and Kelly and Sandy Sheppard. Proud great-grandparents are Dearll and Carol Vincent and Lole Johnson.

Prayer List

Remember our church family in need of your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Pat and Kim Barclay, Harvey and Mary Caplinger, Peggy Cowdery, Richard Cozad, Gloria Frazier, Dustin Hughes, Ray and Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Todd Kirk, Bill Lemley, Dan McNemar, Linda Moncrief, Myrtle Metz, Gene and Peggy Phillips, Jane Pralley, Ray Sams, Bob Smith, Dorothy Weaver, Tammie Wilson

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Cathy Adkins (Kassi Adkins' mother-in-law), Patty Alton, Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Rhonda Barclay, Gert Barnes, Bob Boyce, Kelly Boyce, Melissa Burgess (Friend of Robin Anthony), Steve Chapman (Colleen Ash's son-in-law), Elijah Clark, Scott Coffey, Kim Engalnd, Tony Haid (Len's son), Heather Hoon, Colleen Keister (John Rockhold's mother-in-law), Dan McAlarney (Friend of Dan McNemar), June Pugh (Ray Johnson's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Barbara Richards (Jean Martin's sister), Linda Richards (Billie Coe's sister), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Anne Spokes (Gloria Frazier's sister), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Donna Vincent (Dearll Vincent's sister-in-law), Merl White (Terry Hofmann's father), Linda Wires (Sister of Susan Haid and Richard Marshall), Bonnie Young (Harold Shank's sister)

Please continue to keep Todd Kirk in your prayers.
He is scheduled for surgery May 26 at Ohio State University Hospital.

Health South - Linda Moncrief (Room 206)

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We extend our sympathy to Ted Miller and family in the passing of his mother, Ruby Miller. Her service was last Sunday at Leavitt Funeral Home.

THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ Thank you for the many birthday cards I received. They sure lifted my spirits even more. **Zoe Byrum**
- ♥ We appreciate all the nice birthday cards. **Carolyn Davis and Patrick Davis**

Thank you to Joyce Wright for preparing the communion bread for April.

Church News and Announcements

ADULT BIBLE BOWL CLASS

Bill Mills will be teaching an adult Bible Bowl beginning today in Room 112 during Bible study time. The first class will cover Luke chapter 1 (NKJV). Everyone invited.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES RECOGNITION

Everyone is invited to the LLL recognition in the MP Room this evening after services. Please bring finger foods, snacks and desserts.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Care Group 4 invites everyone to the Fellowship Lunch next Sunday following worship and Bible study. Please bring covered dish items, desserts and beverages.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will meet May 8 in the MP Room at 5:45. Devotional and work assignments at 6:20. Sign-up sheets are on the counter for food items and attendance count.

CPR REFRESHER COURSE

The CRP Refresher course is scheduled for Monday, May 15 the MP Room 6:00PM-9:00PM. Please sign sheet on the counter if you plan to attend. Marion needs an accurate class count.

CHURCH PICNIC

Everyone is invited to the church picnic Saturday, May 20 at DuPont park. We will meet at 3:00 with dinner at 5:00.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 2 will host the services at Love and Care Sunday, May 28 at 2:30 and Thursday, June 1 at 7:00PM. Everyone is welcome to attend this time of fellowship and worship.

OHIO VALLEY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP (CAMP HERVIDA)

OVCYC sent a list of items they are asking us to donate. The list is on the counter in the foyer with details.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BANKS

Potter Children's banks are available in the foyers. A representative will be in here in June to collect them. Each family is asked to take one and fill with coins.

BIBLE BUSTERS

Bible Busters will meet each Sunday at 5:30PM in the front of the auditorium. All ages welcome!

Daily Bible Reading

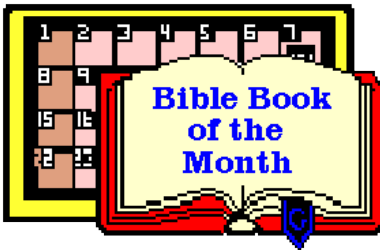
April 30 - Luke 19:28-48, 1 Samuel 17
May 1 - Luke 20:1-26, 1 Samuel 18-19
May 2 - Luke 20:27-47, 1 Samuel 20-22
May 3 - Luke 21:1-24, 1 Samuel 23-24
May 4 - Luke 21:25-38, 1 Samuel 25-26
May 5 - Luke 22:1-23, 1 Samuel 27-29
May 6 - Luke 22:24-53, 1 Samuel 30-31
May 7 - Luke 22:54-71, 2 Samuel 1-3



Daily Reading for our Bible class studies

April 24 - Exodus 10:1-20
April 25 - Exodus 10:21-29
April 27 - Exodus 9:8-12
April 28 - Exodus 9:13-21
April 29 - Exodus 9:22-35

This is the texts that our Bible classes study.



Review Questions: I John

John speaks of the personal relationship that he and the apostles had with Jesus. “That which from the beginning, which we have _____, which we have _____ with our eyes, which we have _____ upon, and our _____ have handled, concerning the _____ of life” (1:1). This harmonizes with the beginning of John’s gospel. “In the _____ was the _____, and the Word was with God, and the Word _____ God” (John 1:1). “And the _____ became flesh and _____ among us, and we beheld His _____” (John 1:14).

John gave two reasons why he was writing this letter. 1) “That you may have _____ with us; and truly our fellowship is with the _____ and His Son _____” (1:2). (2) “These things I write that your _____ may be full” (1:4).

What does John say God is in verse 5?

Because God is light, what is not in Him at all?

What is true of someone who claims to have fellowship with God but walks in darkness? (1:6)

How should Christians walk? (1:7)

“But if we _____ in the _____ as _____ is in the light, we have _____ one with another” (1:7)

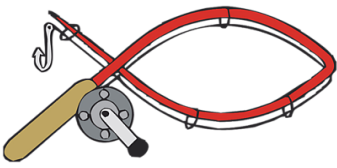
What is true of the sins of those who are saved and seek to walk in the light of Jesus? (1:7)

If we say we have no sin, what are we doing to ourselves? (1:8)

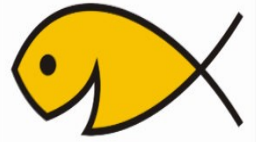
If, as a Christian, we know that we have sinned, what must we do? (1:9)

“If we _____ our sins, He is faithful and just to _____ us our sins and to _____ us from all _____” (1:9).

What would we making God if we claim that we have not sinned? (1:10).



Fishers of Men: (Luke 5:1-11)



Fishing for men begins with preaching _____

“From now on you will _____ men” (Luke 5:10). “The multitude pressed about Him to hear the _____ of God. Jesus sat down and _____ the multitudes (5:1,3). The seed of the Kingdom is God’s _____. “I _____, Apollos _____, and God gave the _____” (I Corinthians 3:6).

To be fishers of men, we must launch out into the _____. Going beyond the “easy conversions”. There are some who need someone to _____ them (Acts 8:31). Some are _____ and alone (Matthew 11:28).

To be fishers of men, we need to _____ for and _____ success. Jesus told them to “Launch into the _____... and cast down your _____ for a catch” (Luke 5:4)

In fishing for men, we cannot allow past results to _____ us. But Simon answered “Master, we have _____ all night and _____ nothing... nevertheless, at Your _____, I will let down the _____” (Luke 5:5). **Do we have a _____ net mentality?** “He who sows _____ shall also reap sparingly” (II Corinthians 9:6).

In fishing for men, we must not be afraid to ask for _____. “So, they signaled to their _____ in the other boat to come and _____ them” (Luke 5:7). “The harvest is _____ but the _____ are few; pray the Lord of harvest to send forth _____ into His _____” (Matthew 9:37-38).

To be successful in fishing for men we must _____ of anything that may _____ our efforts. When Simon Peter saw it, He fell down at Jesus’ knees saying, “Depart from me, for I am a _____ man, O Lord” (Luke 5:8). **We must first have our own house in order. We cannot show _____ of persons. We cannot be at _____ with our _____. We must _____ what we preach.**

We must believe that God is preparing us for _____. “They were _____ at the catch of fish they had taken” (Luke 5:9). “He is _____ to do _____ abundantly, above all that we can _____ or _____” (Ephesians 3:20).

To be fishers of men, we must not be _____ to accept our _____. “Don’t be _____, from now on you will catch _____”(Luke 5:10).

To be fishers of men, we must be willing to _____. “So when they had brought their boats to land, they _____ all, and _____ Him” (Luke 5:11). **Each soul is worth more that _____ the _____.**

This evening will be *ASK THE PREACHER* service. Dana and Mark will be answering the questions submitted. Please plan to attend.



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

If is an “iffy” Word

Have you ever told a child you would take them to the park, or maybe go to the movie theater “if”? If they ate their dinner, if they cleaned their room, or if they did their homework? What happened? Sometimes it might have motivated the child to do what was asked and at other times it might not.

Most of us understand that the little word “if” is more powerful than its size might lead one to expect. Your boss might say, “If you get the job done on time you will get a raise.” In that case, the word “if” makes the raise conditional.

See if is an “iffy” word. It is based on conditions, circumstances, and stipulations. The word “if” is defined as, “in case that; granting or supposing that; on condition that.” The word “if” is used the same way in the Bible. Notice how the Bible uses the word “If” in the following verses:

- John 15:7, “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

The promise is conditional. What if we don't abide in Christ and His words? The promise is that we will not get what we ask for in His name. Imagine if God took away our Bible tomorrow because we would not read it today?

- John 13:35, “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

What if we do not love one another? Then the world is not going to know we are Christ's disciples. Do we forgive others? What if God treated us the way we treat our mates or neighbors? What if God stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others?

- John 15:14, “Ye are my friends if you do whatsoever I command you.”

What if we don't keep Christ's commands? What if we treat God's commands as not important or old fashion? For example, Jesus commands us to evangelize in Matthew 28:18-20, but what if every church member evangelized just like me? In 1 Cor. 16:1,2 we are commanded to give on the first day of the week. What if God gave us ten times the amount of money we give to Him on Sunday? If we are friends of Christ we will keep His commandments.

- Galatians 6:9, “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

What if we don't continue to do good? What if we give up? What if we never saw a flower bloom because we grumbled when God sent the rain? We will never reap or see a harvest, if we stop doing the good God wants us to do today. So, let us not grow weary of doing good.

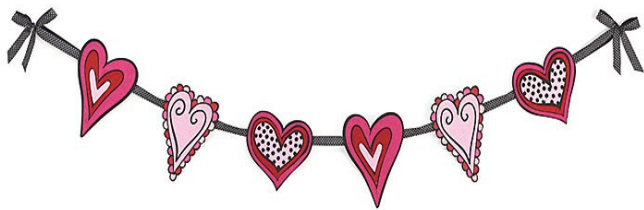
- John 8:51, “Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”

What if we knew today would be our last? What if we knew that Jesus was coming in the next five minutes? What if we were found keeping Christ's word, being obedient and living for Christ? Then the promise is we will never see death!

“If” is a big word! If is conditional, there's a possibility that the task will not get done, there is a likelihood that it might not go our way, there is probability we will not choose wisely. But there is also a possibility that it might work and we might be successful. We might receive the blessing, we might be found faithful and prepared for heaven. We might just be ready for Christ's return. It all depends on us! If we are willing to obey Christ and follow Him always we will receive a blessing. Think about it! Mark T. Tonkery

Teen Bible Bowl (7th -12th grade students) – If any teen would like to participate in the Camden Ave. Bible Bowl on September 23 please see Mark T. Tonkery.

Teachers and Helpers meeting – June 4 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 109 there will be a teacher meeting for all teachers (including VBS teachers) and helpers. See Mark T. Tonkery for more information.



THANK YOU

Once again our students have had a successful year participating in Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes. Each year we are so proud of their growth in becoming Christian leaders. This could not be accomplished without the entire Camden Avenue family. The support we receive makes this possible. There are many tasks to make all of this possible. Any request that is made in that pertains to Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes is always met and then some! All of you can be proud of our students, because without you we could not give them this opportunity.

Bill Mills and Todd Kirk

The LLL report is on the counter if you would like a copy.

Youth Events



Hotdog Roast - Devotional

Friday, May 5 at 7:00PM our youth (of all ages) will have a hotdog roast with singing and devotional at the fire pit on the church lawn. Hotdogs and buns will be provided. Bring beverages and items to go with hotdogs.

Postal Food Drive

The 6th-12th graders are needed to help here at the Postal Food Drive Saturday, May 13 at 1:00. Let Scott know if you can help.

High School Graduates Recognition

Everyone is invited to the get-together in the MP Room after evening services May 21 to honor our high school graduates.

Travelling Youth Group

Transportation will leave Sunday, May 28 at 5:50 to join the travelling youth group at the Sandyville congregation. Let Jeff know if you plan to go.

Church Camps

Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp and West Virginia Christian Youth Camp registration forms are available on the counter in the foyer.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

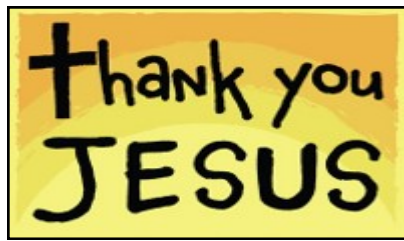


One day a husband and wife were sitting on a couch reading. All the sudden the wife looked up and said, "Honey, who is this Joan of Arc that saved France?" Well he looked up and said, "You've got those characters mixed up it was Noah of Ark. Jonah was that guy that swallowed the whale." (LOL)

Now you better check your Bible, it's right; because for one thing the Bible says that Jesus is coming back and everyone is going to see Him. Notice, Rev. 1:7, "Behold, [Jesus] is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen."

Jesus is coming again. Will you be ready? There's a great day coming. Ready? Contact us to learn more.

This is Mark Tonkery with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.



In Christ We Have:

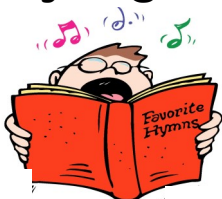
- A love that can never be fathomed.
 - A life that can never die.
- A peace that can never be understood.
 - A rest that can never be disturbed.
 - A joy that can never be diminished.
- A hope that can never be disappointed.
 - A glory that can never be clouded.
- A happiness that can never be interrupted.
 - A light that can never be extinguished.
 - A strength that can never be overcome.
 - A beauty that can never be marred.
 - A purity that can never be defiled.
- Resources that can never be exhausted.

Bulletin Digest

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!
Your presence has been a blessing!*

If you have any questions, please let one of our ministers, elders or any member know.
We also offer Bible studies and Bible Correspondence Courses at no charge.
Please let us know if we can be of help.

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 6:15 for the sing at the Dewey Avenue congregation.
Everyone welcome!

Watch "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

each Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP, Dish Channel 239, Sunday 7:00AM, DIRECT TV Channel 307 Sunday 7:00AM, Local cable Channel 4 Sunday 6:30AM, GBN Sunday 7:00PM, Monday 2:00PM, Thursday 5:00PM

UPCOMING TOPIC

May 8
CHRISTIAN VALUES

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, May 7

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Steve Gray

SONG LEADERS

AM - Rick Stanley

PM - Ryan Highman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Steve Moser

Close - Dave Nulter

6:00 PM - John Life

Close - Russ Alton

SCRIPTURE

AM - Drake Logston

PM - Patrick Rine

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Bill Merrill

PM - Cody Hoover

Bill Camp

PA SYSTEM - Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM 1 - Dave Nulter

2 - Jim Hinzman

4 - Lois Nulter

PM

1. Cody & Kristi Hoover

2. Doug & Alisha Hershman

3. Chris & Patty Mullins

4. Todd & Annette Kirk

5. Delmas Carr & Bill Mills

6. Gary & Sharon Herridge

Facts and Figures

April 23, 2017

AM Service.....290

Bible Study.....190

PM Service.....192

Wednesday.....204

Contribution\$6977.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017

Baptisms.....0

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....1

Placed Membership....0

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study..... 7:00